

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims.

Claims 87 to 92, 96, 97, 99 to 103, 106 to 108 and 110 to 112 are pending. Claims 1 to 86, 93 to 95, 98, 104, 105, 109, and 113 to 119 have previously been cancelled. No claims are amended herein.

Oath/Declaration.

As the application no longer claims benefit of the associated provisional applications, Applicants have submitted on October 23, 2007, Supplemental Declarations of the inventors, without reference to the provisional applications.

Interview Summary.

In a telephonic Interview of September 20, 2007, with Examiner Cantelmo, the last sentence of the specification was discussed with regard to aspects of the incorporation of references. Applicants noted that the Office had objected to the incorporation of references in the last sentence of the specification, paragraph 104. After some discussions with Examiner Cantelmo, Applicants agreed to confirm in the present Response that the incorporation by reference is intended to incorporate into the specification only those references cited in the specification as originally filed on April 12, 2004.

With this clarification, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and confirmation that references in information disclosure statements have been considered.

Specification.

Because the present allowable claims do not appear to be supported by the associated provisional applications, the present specification has been amended to delete a claim to priority or benefit of the provisional applications.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Claims 87 to 92, 96, 97, 99 to 103, 106 to 108 and 110 to 112 are presently allowed.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants appreciate that the Office has allowed the present claims. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the issues remain in this case that may delay issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicant's Representative requests that the Examiner please telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3510 to discuss ways to expedite issuance of the claims.

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Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet; and,
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.